

THE flagship of the Japanese navy, the battleship Mikasa, took fire, blew up and sank, last Sunday night, with a loss of 599 lives. Your modern ship of war rarely goes to destruction by halves.

THE results of the investigation of the conduct and affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company make one to wonder whether all great Captains of Finance are thieves, grafters and perjurers.

TOUCH a big fraud, graft, or steal, and you've got your fingers on a corporation. This is not strange, for the latter has no corporeal essence to punish here nor a soul to damn in the hereafter.

THE following clipping from an English newspaper is mighty suggestive. I find it republished in *Mazwell's Tullimen*, being sent to that paper by a subscriber. He adds to the item this comment: "If you will investigate you will find wherever one of these foreign land holdings prevail that it casts a blight over the locality which is anything but American in its tendencies. There is a large English holding in Illinois, near Decatur. The tenants live in shanties and are all foreigners." Here is the clipping:

Foreign landlordism is reaching out its tentacles in the direction of America. A syndicate headed by the Earl of Verulam and the Earl of Lankerville owns a vast tract of land in Wisconsin. Alexander Grant of London owns 35,000 acres in Kansas. The English Land Co. owns 50,000 acres in Arkansas. Mr. Elfenhauser of Halifax has 600,000 acres in West Virginia. A Scotch concern, syndicate No. 1, bought 50,000 acres in Florida. The Holland syndicate owns 5,000,000 acres of grazing lands in the West, and the German syndicate 2,000,000. It is said that 30,000,000 acres of good American land are owned by foreign landlords (English and Scotch). That is an area larger than the State of South Carolina.

ACCORDING to the reports of a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Palmer of St. Louis a few weeks ago, he cast a slur upon the good fame of some 3,000 German ladies. Their offence had consisted in signing an address to the Governor protesting against the onness of "the lid." The ladies are members of an organization, and, through their officers, immediately called Dr. Palmer to account, demanding either a denial of the language attributed to him, or the truth of the reports admitted, an apology. He replied that he would answer "at the proper time." That proper time, as set by himself, did not arrive until last Sunday. He then said the papers had misquoted him; that where he had been quoted as using the word "pure" he had instead said "sober"—the term being applied to ladies who had not signed the aforesaid petition, in contradistinction to those who had attached their names to it. This being so, the Rev. Dr., I think, should not have delayed a month in his response. But, that aside, what of the big city papers—the *P.-D.*, the *G.-D.* and the *Republic*—that so misquoted the reverend gentleman and made him to say an ugly thing where he had given tongue only to—from his point of view—just criticism in decent phrase? They ought to be made to apologize both to the minister and the ladies, ought they not? Dr. Palmer should see to it.

THE ARCADIA VALLEY.

Forty-First Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Pilot Knob.

From the Farmington News.

One of nature's grotesque wonders, and the giant among the Ozarks, 1540 feet high and 88 miles from St. Louis on the Iron Mountain railroad, in the choicest part of the beautiful Arcadia Valley, is Pilot Knob—famed in history and long remembered in the mining annals as containing the most remarkable deposit of iron ore in the world. The town of Pilot Knob, nestling at the foot of the silent old peak, from which it gets its name, and ten thousand acres of valley land adjacent have passed from the hands of the mining company, which has retarded its progress so long. All this magnificent property is controlled by local people who will sell it all at the most popular prices—good lots at \$50 and land for \$10 and \$12 an acre.

The Pilot Knob Memorial Association is making elaborate arrangements for the greatest reunion of the Blue and the Gray ever held in the State. The celebration of the 41st anniversary of the battle of Pilot Knob will be held three days, commencing on September 27th, during which time the Arcadia Valley will be thronged with thousands of interested visitors. The programme for the entertainment of the visitors has been carefully prepared and the most interesting feature will be the auction sale of town

lots, which will take place the second day of the celebration. The town has been newly platted for the purpose of making it a thriving little city, where there will be a handle factory, a creamery, granite quarry and later an operating iron mine.

Pilot Knob is essentially a part of Ironton, the county seat of Iron county. It has a charming climate and an elevation of 640 feet above St. Louis. With the three towns, Pilot Knob, Ironton and Arcadia, incorporated as one town we have the most attractive city in the State. There are 43 houses on lots at Pilot Knob which are to be sold at most for one-fourth of the cost.

Pilot Knob, favored in historic interest, magnificent in scenery, in iron mines, climate and water supply, is to be peopled by many old soldiers and friends, and in a few years a more substantial prosperity will be seen on every hand than was that fleeting boom the town once had. This year hundreds of those who attend the celebration will combine pleasure with business, and while the opportunity is offered buy lots or land. The mining company still owns the mountains of ore, which may be worked in a few years. The valleys produce large crops of corn, wheat, melons and fruits, the hills will be utilized for grazing lands. The big red apple and the luscious peach grow to perfection on the mountain sides where the iron and chemicals of the soil impart a delicious flavor.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESERVATIONS.

Three miles east of Pilot Knob is the government rifle range. In this reservation are 700 acres which Uncle Sam will improve and beautify at a great expense. The Pilot Knob Memorial Association has purchased Fort Davidson at Pilot Knob with a view to selling it to the government for the second reservation in the Arcadia Valley. It will take several hundred thousand dollars to do the work required to make Fort Davidson and the rifle range what Uncle Sam would have them. This with other things will make times good and work plentiful. With the matchless climate, diversity of soil, abundance of staple products, thousands of acres of farm and grazing lands, unsurpassed fruit belt, fabulous mineral resources, nearness to the city market, plenty of good water, low tax levy, wonderful scenery and a thousand other beauties and advantages, Pilot Knob offers an unequalled place for a home. The people are progressive and encourage schools and churches. They invite good neighbors and are ready to lend a hand.

Ironton takes a pride in building good homes. The town is embowered among majestic trees on the side of Shepherd mountain. It has many walks and driveways and is the scene of the Sylvan Lake, Grant Spring and Monument, all in the much noted Emerson Park.

ST. LOUISANS BUILD HOMES IN THE VALLEY.

There are thousands of acres of valley land in the neighborhood of Pilot Knob controlled by the Southern Hungarian Colonization Society, which can be bought for \$8 to \$12 an acre; the same grade of land in other places is selling from \$40 to \$80 an acre. It is principally bottom land and will produce anything. Lots near the creek in Ironton sell for \$100, while just across the bridge, fifty yards away, Pilot Knob offers good lots for \$50; this is all due to the fact that these lots have not been on the market but a few weeks. Now is the time to buy land in the Arcadia Valley. Ironton has a hub, spoke, screen door and other factories. Soon there will be electric lights and a canning factory. The country will support other enterprises. The soil is good, the climate perfect and water power plentiful. The Iron Mountain railroad is encouraging all efforts to make this section prosper. Many wealthy St. Louisans have built handsome and costly summer homes in the Valley. The most pretentious of these country seats is "The Maples," one mile east of Pilot Knob. It is the property of Clarence N. Jones. Mr. Jones is said to own stock in the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Company. W. H. Thomson has a handsome home a little ways from Pilot Knob. Others who own property in the neighborhood, among the wealthy St. Louis people, are Judge Hough, Dr. Hugo Summa, G. J. Pollock, the family of the late General Turner and many others. These wealthy people spend much money in improvements and will invest in manufacturing soon to be started at Ironton.

ARCADIA VALLEY.

The valley, beginning at Pilot Knob, gradually widens from a few yards at the point to a distance of several miles at the back. It is a land of contrasts, lights and shadows; its heights and depths make plain the meaning of the word antithesis. Every mood of mind finds a corresponding mood in nature. The mighty chasms cut by Titan forces through granite and iron-hearted hills in which dark shadows throng and swirling torrents dash, speak to the heart a language that thrills, inspires and awes. But it does not follow that these glories of tree-covered peaks and glooms of dark hollows preclude the pleasant intervals, the sunny meadows or the secluded nooks where the mind may find ease or the body rest from the turmoil or toil. In this the early autumn, as the sunlight rests on the valley bordered by quaint peaks, with purple flowers, the singular quartz scintillating with variegated colors, it seems to sooth its exhausted summer light into a soft repose, which gives the scene a mystic sadness, yet, it fills the soul with the sweetest emotions and the lingering aversion to

leave the surroundings causes one to part with regret.

FORTY-FIRST REUNION.

The Arcadia Valley is blessed with good schools and the Arcadia College is well attended. The Mother Superior and her able teachers make the school a delightful home for girls.

Who would not delight to climb to the top of the Knob and view the Arcadia Valley in all its colorings? Tyrolean mountains, Swiss valleys and the checkered plans of the Pyramids are almost of secondary consideration.

The 41st reunion of those who fought for the South and those of the North will be interesting in that the career of General Grant as he sat and planned the campaign which ultimately resulted in the control of the lower Mississippi. The progress of his own career from a colonel to a conquering hero and general at Appomattox will be reviewed. The boys will recount their own dearly-bought experience. The rise and passing of the old towns of Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob, the prospects of the new, gigantic columns and the tramways lined with parti-colored rocks will offer interesting topics. Mountain climbing, speech-making, panoramic shows, and a thousand and one things, will make the trip to Pilot Knob, September 27, a long to be remembered journey.

R. J. HUBBARD.

Sabula Items.

We are sorry to say that our protracted meeting has closed. The Lord has done a good work for Sabula people in the past week. We had twelve or more conversions. We trust Bro. Forchen will be with us again soon. His next appointment will be on Monday after the fourth Sunday in September, when he intends to hold a week's meeting. Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Miss Anna Bouls, who has been very low with typhoid fever, is improving fast.

Mirt Willett has moved back to our little town.

Mrs. Jas. Bone and family, who have been visiting friends and relatives at this place, returned to their home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Bell Huggins made a flying trip to Ironton recently.

Miss Missouri Collins, of Collinsville, has gone to Ironton to stay a while.

Sam Shy spent a Saturday and Sunday with home folk lately.

Miss Lou Polk spent a couple of days recently with her parents on Marble Creek.

Miss Mable Rood was home recently. Also, Mr. Shattuck was seen on our streets.

Collins and Benson shipped a car load of cattle from this place last week.

C. Collins received his new engine and will soon be ready for work.

John Thompson, of this place, has purchased a span of ponies for the purpose of conveying people to the country or any place they wish to go.

Miss Bertha Bollinger's arm, which was broken about a month ago, is still swollen and has to be kept bound up.

Gus. Bollinger is the happy father of a new son.

We have a new artist at Sabula at present.

Omar Shy, of this place, has gone to De Soto where he has a position in the shops.

Hall Loyd and family, of Annapolis, passed through this place recently.

We hear that Dr. R. T. Miner is on his way home. He will be gladly welcomed. SNOWFLAKE.

Sabula, September 5, 1905.

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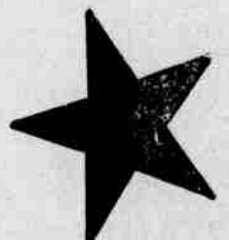
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